

Application No. 10,810,089
Response dated December 7, 2004
Reply to Restriction Requirement dated November 17, 2004

REMARKS

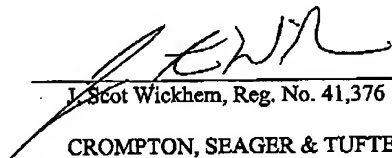
Applicants have carefully reviewed the office action dated November 17, 2004. In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species, wherein claims 1-24 are directed to Species I, and claims 25-40 are directed to Species II. In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Species I, claims 1-24, without traverse.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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